

SCS SJR 36 -- RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment changes the laws regarding the right to keep and bear arms. The resolution specifies that a citizen has the right to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of the arms, in defense of his or her family, in addition to the current rights in defense of home, person, and property. The resolution repeals provisions specifying that the right to keep and bear arms must not justify the wearing of concealed weapons.

The rights guaranteed under Article 1, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution must be unalienable. Any restriction on these rights must be subject to strict scrutiny and the State of Missouri must be obligated to uphold these rights and must not decline to protect against their infringement under any circumstance. Nothing in the resolution must be construed to prevent the passage of laws by the General Assembly that limit these rights for convicted violent felons or persons adjudicated by a court to be a danger to self or others as a result of a mental disorder or mental infirmity.